5 FAM 220 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

(CT:IM-130; 05-01-2012)
(Office of Origin: IO/FO)

5 FAM 221 POLICY

(CT:IM-130; 05-01-2012)

a. Since 1947, the United States (U.S.) Representative to the United Nations (UN) has been the appropriate channel for communications between the U.S. Government and the UN and delegations accredited to it.

b. All diplomatic communications to the UN or missions accredited to it must be transmitted by the U.S. Representative to the UN or their designee.

c. All communications from the Department or its posts to the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN) containing instructions for the USUN and for delegations accredited to the UN must be approved either by principal officers by title or the Bureau of International Organizations Affairs (IO). See 5 FAM 223.

5 FAM 222 SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

(CT:IM-130; 05-01-2012)

a. The policy in this chapter applies to all communications from any Department of State office or post to the UN and other international organizations in the UN system. It also applies to any proposed discussions or visits with officials of the UN, representatives of Missions to the UN, and other international organizations.

b. The authority for this policy is Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, 22 U.S.C. 2651a. See also the UN Participation Act of 1945 and 22 U.S.C. 287 et seq.

c. Nothing in this policy authorizes any interference with the independence of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) or the conduct of its work in accordance with the provisions of 1 FAM 050 and the underlying legal authorities establishing the OIG.

5 FAM 223 RESPONSIBILITY

(CT:IM-130; 05-01-2012)

The Bureau of International Organization Affairs coordinates all communications from the Department to the UN. IO ensures that all proposed communications fall within the scope and authority of the Department.

5 FAM 224 COORDINATING VISITS WITH USUN

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When Department or other Government officials wish to visit UN officials in New York or representatives of UN Missions on official business, send advance notice to the USUN via IO, in writing whenever possible, so that the USUN may make proper substantive and administrative arrangements. A member of the USUN staff, at the USUN's discretion, normally accompanies officials on their visits.

5 FAM 225 DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON

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The USUN, in conjunction with IO, normally arranges discussions in Washington between U.S. Government officials and the United Nations Secretariat or officials from the Mission of other states to the UN on UN matters .

5 FAM 226 OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UN SYSTEM

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All official communications and visits with officials of other international organizations in the UN system should be coordinated through the appropriate U.S. Mission in Geneva, Montreal, Rome, Vienna, Paris, or Nairobi, with prior approval from IO.

5 FAM 227 THROUGH 229 UNASSIGNED

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